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FOR ROBERT BROWN, EB/AV

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EAIR, AS

SUBJECT: CIVAIR: SOUTH PACIFIC SERVICE CASE

REF: STATE 120977

1. PRIOR TO RECEIPT STATE 120977, EMBASSY HAD PREPARED
DETAILED SUMMARY OF MAY 25 VISIT BY PAN AM TO DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORT FOR TRANSMITTAL TO EB/AV, TOGETHER WITH COVERING
LETTER TO BROWN. THESE WILL BE POUCHED TO DEPARTMENT MAY 27.

2. MEANWHILE, FOR DEPARTMENT'S BACKGROUND, MAY 25 VISIT WAS
END RESULT OF APRIL 7 SUGGESTION BY ROWLAND TO E/C COUNSELOR
THAT DOT WOULD WELCOME A VISIT FROM NEWLY ARRIVED PAN
AM SOUTH PACIFIC REGIONAL DIRECTOR MERLINI TO GET ACQUAINTED.
ROWLAND OBSERVED DURING WINDUP OF VISIT ON DIFFERENT SUBJECT
THAT DOT SLIGHTLY SURPRISED TO FIND PAN AM HAD
INSTITUTED COURT SUIT AGAINST MINISTER ON EUROPEAN FARES
ISSUE WITHOUT ANY PREVIOUS INFORMAL CONTACT WITH DOT.
WE RELAYED INVITATION TO MERLINI WHO READILY AGREED TO CALL
ON DOT AND APPOINTMENT WAS SET FOR MAY 12. ON MAY 12
MERLINI WAS MAROONED IN AUCKLAND BY AUSTRALIAN AIR
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CONTROLLERS' STRIKE AND MEETING WAS POSTPONED TO MAY 25.
MERLINI ADVISED US MAY 24 THAT SWOFFORD WOULD BE IN SYDNEY
INCIDENT TO OPENING OF NEW PAA HEADQUARTERS IN MARTIN PLACE
AND WOULD LIKE IF POSSIBLE TO ACCOMPANY MERLINI. MEETING
HAD NO AGREED PURPOSE OTHER THAN TO INTRODUCE MERLINI
ALTHOUGH ALL INVOLVED ASSUMED IT WOULD PROVIDE OCCASION FOR
EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION AND VIEWS ON VARIOUS PAN AM

PROBLEMS IN AUSTRLIA.

3. E/C COUNSELOR ACCOMPANIED MERLINI AND SWOFFORD TO DOT TO MAKE INTRODUCTION. HIS ACTIVE ROLE IN BALANCE OF MEETING WAS CONFINED TO REQUESTING UPDATE BY DOT ON OUTLOOK FOR CHANGES IN USER CHARGES FOR INTERNATIONAL CARRIERS IN LIGHT OF RECENT STATEMENT BY MINISTER NIXON IN ANSWER TO PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION TO EFFECT THAT 1976 RECOVERIES WERE 116 PERCENT OF COSTS. EMBASSY MADE NO REPRESENTATIONS OF ANY KIND DURING THE DISCUSSION.

4. AS INDEPENDENT MATTER, IN VIEW OF OBVIOUS AND WELL KNOWN GOA INTEREST IN SOUTH PACIFIC SERVICE CASE, EMBASSY ON MAY 26 ASKED ROWLAND WHETHER DOT MIGHT NOT WISH TO INVITE CONTINENTAL TO VISIT DOT TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS GOA MIGHT HAGE RESPECTING CONTINENTAL INTENTIONS. ROWLAND WAS NONCOMITTAL. IN VIEW OF PARA. 3 STATE 120977, EMBASSY WILL REFRAIN FROM PURSUING THIS SUGGESTION FURTHER AGAINST POSSIBILITY IT MAY INFRINGE POLICY DESCRIBED THEREIN, UNTIL AND UNLESS OTHERWISE INSTRUCTED BY DEPARTMENT.
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